



1. **Ruth Ann Gunter**
2. **Village Trustee**
3. **Democrat**

4. Village Trustee. Active member of JETWAVE and on a subcommittee that met monthly to brainstorm and formulate an economic strategy plan for our village. Appointed Village Board liaison to the Ellenville-Wawarsing Youth Commission.

5. Bus driver for the Ellenville Head Start, since 1999. Before that, I worked at the Ellenville Central School Cafeteria as a cashier for six years.

6. My husband, Walt, and I met in 1983 and married in 1987. We have a daughter, Jenna, in High School and a son, Dylan, in Middle School.

7. I have lived and worked in the area for the past twenty years. I grew up in Matamoras, Pa. and moved to the Ellenville area after I was transferred to our local McDonalds as a manager.

8. It is through and for my children that I have become involved in our community. My community involvement began at Head Start. After three years, I was elected president to the Parent Group. My children went on to Elementary School and I became, and still am, an active member of our P.T.O. I coached T-Ball for my son's Little League team and was a Team Mom in the majors. I coached three years for the Ed Jacobs Soccer League. I am an active member of the Ellenville-Wawarsing Youth Commission. I have chaperoned, fund-raised, and attended many EWYC events including field trips, dances, etc.

9. My reason for running now for village office is simply I haven't finished the job yet. There are projects on the village's table and I would like to see them completed. I ran for Village Trustee two years ago because I believe a person can be a board member and maintain their principles, and never show favoritism, and never buckle under political pressure. My number-one goal always has been, and will continue to be, to make solid, educated decisions that reflect what is best for our community.

10. My greatest strength I offer as Village Trustee is my ability to give 100% effort and commitment. I am not afraid to ask the hard questions and keep asking until I get a satisfactory answer. We can not have people on our boards that say nothing and just let things go by the way-side. I work hard and finish every task I am faced with.

11. The one thing I would like to accomplish most while in office is unifying our community. There are many organizations on different paths trying to accomplish the same goals. That's why I am very proud of the EWYC, as it personifies what I am all about. The EWYC is a coalition of Town, Village, School, Community Organizations, Youth Groups and parents all working together to provide activities and programs for all the children of our community. I am very excited when our local organizations can work together toward common goals. We all can live in a community, but it's up to each individual to make it a home.

12. Some short-term issues include Cedar Grove, the Hunt Memorial Building, the new Center Street Project, making Village Hall handicapped accessible, the opening of our new Senior Housing Complex. Two years ago when I was newly elected the building department was in upheaval. Our new building inspector has put our village on the right path and I commend him for his efforts.

13. One long-term issue the Village is facing is casino gambling coming to our area. My goal as Village Trustee would be to make sure that the village receives their fair and equal share because it will effect the village greatly. It is very important to me that the Town of Wawarsing and Village of Ellenville work together hand in hand for the betterment of our entire town.

14. & 15. I greatly support the televising of all board meetings including the legislature. I feel it would greatly increase interest because people would be kept up to date of the issues facing our township. I would hope this would spark involvement at board meetings because I am the type of person when I see a problem I can't just sit in my home and complain about it. I try to teach my children that one person can make a difference if they get involved.

16. We can attract and keep businesses in the Ellenville area by exploring different incentives such as the Empire Zone. The Empire Zone offers real property, wage, and sales tax credits. Net businesses with loan funding such as our Local Development Corporation (LDC) formally Ellenville Revolving Loan Fund, which provides low interest business loans for business start ups and expansions. Our building department can help businesses through the prospective maze of local registrations.

17. When we say cost-cutting measures we neglect to look at the true root of the problem, which is generating more income for the village. It's not through raising taxes but creating a larger tax base by bringing in more business and helping loan developers and by entertaining more industry.

18. I am not in favor of the dissolution of the Village because I believe the Village would loose its identity. Our government can respond right away to our community and provide personal services. I am in favor of the Village and Town working together to combine services that would be cost saving, such as our Highway Department and Street Department sharing equipment.

19. Additional comments: I would like to thank Wawarsing.Net for the opportunity to express some of my views. I would also like to thank all of the people that have helped me along the way. I was afforded the opportunity as Village Trustee to meet many people and accomplish many things. I have no regrets as Village Trustee, and, if re-elected, I will continue to perform my job to the best of my ability.

